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Esteemed Colleagues:

The Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H) supports the proposed Amendment to the Annual Action Plan for HUD, CDBG and HOME funds as proposed by County HCD.

As a county-wide collaborative, C3H is dedicated to the effective and efficient use of resources to solve local homelessness and we recognize the importance of collaboration in creating conditions for success for people experiencing homelessness. Based on our working relationships and requests from our various partners, we support the three proposed amendments.

Specifically, we support the revised funding allocations proposed for Casas de las Flores in Carpinteria and Pescadero Lofts in Isla Vista for affordable rental housing.

In addition, we support the County's proposal to add an activity for \$700,000 of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to be carried out by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (HACSB) as a sub-recipient under the County's TBRA Program county-wide. Our understanding is that TBRA is intended to augment the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program as they attempt to move people into permanent affordable rental housing, despite recent federal budget cuts to the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts (HAP).

We do expect the TBRA funding will focus on those individuals & families experiencing homelessness and that those funds will be utilized to assist in the loss of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) in placing homeless into housing.

Sincerely,

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